



June 2019

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

Tight Line

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday June 6, 2019 7:30pm.

**Where: Foundry United Methodist Church,
2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach next to
Beach Ford.**

Meeting Speaker: Reese Bowles

Meeting Subject: The IGFA Marlin Tourney Observer

June & Future Information Notes:

- **Oceans East Show in their parking lot – June 1 & 2 ***
Volunteers Needed to Man Table! Show from 6AM
until 2PM. Any help appreciated – Call Bob Burstein to
volunteer at 267-994-7423.**
- **Crab Creek Clean-Up – June 8**
- **Ocean View Pier Tournament - June 9**
- **Salvo Surf Open Fishing Qualifier – June 15**
- **Seton Youth Fishing Trip - June 29 Volunteers
Needed**
- **July Meeting *RESCHEDULED!* JULY 11TH 7:30.**

This Month's Quote

“Be thankful we’re not getting all the government we’re paying for”

Will Rogers

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2018

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Bowfin	Jerry Hughes	8.25 lbs.
Yellow Perch	Jay Graber	4 oz.
Bluefish	John Germanos	3.15 lbs.
Flounder	Russel Willoughby	2.62 lbs.
Spadefish	Russel Willoughby	4.87 lbs.

Submissions
Virginia Beach Anglers Club:
vbangersclub@gmail.com
Kelly Hoggard: 757-416-8817 or
fishnkelly@msn.com

Catch-A-Ride

BOAT

Preston Mangum (757) 582-1450 (FW)

Jeremy Maguire (757) 407-0493

Rich Maguire (757) 619-4851

Rob Stommel (703) 244-1282

Bob Stuhlman (757) 374-7372

CREW

Pete Federico (908) 887-3113

Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817

Victor Minak (703) 888-8992

Add your name to either list by sending an email to

vbangersclub@gmail.com

2019 Monthly Pier Tournament

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB
&
OCEAN VIEW FISHING PIER

2019 SUMMER FISHING TOURNAMENT



ADULT ENTRY FEE - \$10

CHILD ENTRY FEE - \$5



\$150 GUARANTEED ADULT PAYOUT

\$50 PIER SHOP GIFT CERTIFICATE TO CHILD

8 AM to 4 PM

9 JUN	14 JUL	11 AUG	8 SEP	13 OCT weather permitting
SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES
CROAKER ROUNDHEAD BLUE FISH	CROAKER ROUNDHEAD BLUEFISH	CROAKER BLUE FISH SPOT	CROAKER BLUE FISH SPOT	CROAKER BLUE FISH SPOT



RULES

Tournament is open to all.
Rain or shine.



Fish must be caught on the pier during Tournament times and
alive when brought to the judging table.

Winner will be determined by length.

Ties will be determined by earliest entry time.

Winners do not have to be present at 4 PM.

All prize money will be awarded. If no entry in a species, prize money will be
divided and awarded to the winner with largest entry in remaining species.



- 1 Species = \$150 to the winner
- 2 Species = \$75 each winner
- 3 Species = \$50 each winner



Child's prize will be for largest fish caught that day from the three species.

Visit our websites for the latest updates to the Tournament:

vbanglersclub.com oceanviewfishingpier.com

Salvo Open Surf Qualifier

2019 Salvo Spring Open Surf Fishing Qualifier (MAJOR)

Saturday, 15 June 2019

- DATE:** Saturday, 15 June 2019
- VENUE:** Salvo Village, Hatteras Island, NC
- SCHEDULE:** 0700-1100: Morning Surf Fishing Session on the beach
1100-1145: Angler Development Session on the beach
1200-1330: Light Lunch at Tournament HQ in Salvo
1400-1800: Afternoon Surf Fishing Session on the beach
1830-2000: Awards & Dinner at Tournament HQ in Salvo
- COST:** FREE to all VBAC members in good standing (dues paid)
\$20 for Non-members (cash or check payable to "VBAC")
- LODGING:** All participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging arrangements. Limited lodging is available at the Tournament HQ. Contact John Germanos for rates and availability. Below are alternatives near Tournament HQ.

Cape Hatteras KOA, Rodanthe: (252) 987-2307 or (800) 562-5266 for general info. BOOK NOW to assure availability.

Website: <https://koa.com/campgrounds/cape-hatteras/>

Camp Hatteras RV Resort & Campground, Waves: (252) 987-2777. Rental units available. BOOK NOW to assure availability.

Website: <https://www.camphatteras.com/>

RAIN DATE: Saturday, 22 June 2019

All interested anglers must register no later than Sunday, 09 June 2019.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the April, May, and June VBAC General Membership meetings, or interested anglers may contact John Germanos at:

jgermanos@germanosdefense.com

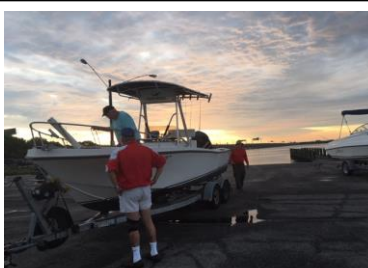
Walk-ons may be accepted on a case-by-case basis, but the Surf Committee reserves the right to turn away unregistered anglers and/or non-members that have not paid the requisite entry fees.

[Click here for rules, guidelines, scoring schedule, and angler scoresheet.](#)

Hunt for Hardheads After Action Report

HUNT FOR THE HARD HEADS MAY 18, 2019

Four teams from the Virginia Beach Angler's Club competed in the 2019 Hunt for the Hard Heads Tournament against the Portsmouth Angler's Club, the Norfolk Angler's Club and the Great Bridge Fisherman's Association. It was a gorgeous day on the water for the teams of three or four anglers. Light winds and calm seas treated the anglers to a great fishing day. Fishing was restricted to the waters west of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. The targeted species were Croakers, Blue Fish and Flounder. Numerous Croakers and Blue Fish were caught by all teams. The only Flounders caught were by Virginia Beach. However, the two Flounders were under sized and non-scoring fish. The "Measure In" was held at Portsmouth City Park and Portsmouth Angler's Club sponsored lunch for all angler's and guests. Lunch was fried chicken, coleslaw, beans, rolls and assorted drinks. Proceeds from the tournament went to the Wish a Fish organization. The final results were: Great Bridge came in first, Norfolk came in second and Portsmouth and Virginia Beach came in tied for third. Those two Flounders would have really helped.



Hats & T-Shirts

2019 Shirt Design Will
Be At The
Next Meeting!

\$15.00

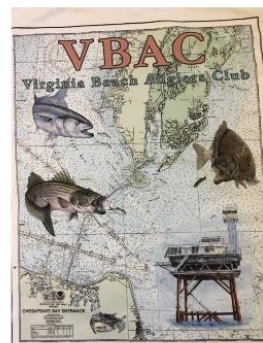
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(BACK)

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Our May 4 Crab Creek Clean-Up Day



Thank you!!!!

2019 Special Surf Qualifier *Pier* Tournament

2019 Ocean View Summer Open Surf Fishing Qualifier

Saturday, 20 July 2019

DATE: Saturday, 20 July 2019

VENUE: Ocean View Fishing Pier, Norfolk, VA

SCHEDULE: 0700-1100: Competitive Fishing Session on the Pier
1100-1145: Angler Development Session on the pier
Topic: Mastering the "Flip Cast"
1200-1300: Collect Scores, Awards & Recognitions

COST: FREE to all VBAC members in good standing (dues paid).
\$20 for Non-members (cash or check payable to "VBAC").
NOTE: A separate fee is required to enter the fishing pier!

RAIN DATE: Saturday, 27 July 2019

All interested anglers must register no later than Sunday, 14 July 2019.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the June and July VBAC General Membership meetings, or interested anglers may contact John Germanos at:

jgermanos@germanosdefense.com or 757-285-1909

Walk-ons may be accepted on a case-by-case basis, but the Surf Committee reserves the right to turn away unregistered anglers and/or non-members that have not paid the requisite entry fees.

2018 Ocean View Summer Open Results:

Winner - N/A

2019 will be the inaugural Ocean View Summer Open event!

General Announcements

Safety Warning & Recall!

Jerry Hughes recently discovered during a boat safety inspection that his Kidde fire extinguisher had recently been recalled. The two types being recalled have either a plastic handle or plastic push button. If you suspect you have one of these, you can go the website listed below and determine if yours is one of the recalled extinguishers.

<http://www.kidde.com/>

SETON YOUTH FISHING TRIP

*JUNE 29 – **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

VBAC will be having our Annual Seton Youth Fishing Trip on June 29. For those of you who are not familiar with the event, the club charts a head boat for an afternoon, and we take children from the Seton Youth Shelters out on the water to fish. Seton Youth Shelters care for children whose parents are incarcerated. We take the kids and their mentors, the volunteers that work with the children, out for a fun day of fishing on the water. Once we are done fishing, we have a picnic and a raffle for the kids. Every child wins a prize. Many of these children come from blended families and often don't have something to call their own.

We need member help to set up, cook, help on the boat, and help with the cleanup. This is one of our premier events VBAC hosts, and we need quite a lot of help. We always solicit donations from club members because this is an incredibly important event and we are always in need of funds. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting, however, if you are unable to attend the meeting, you are more than welcome to show up the day of the event.

Where: Ocean View Fishing Pier

When: June 29, 2018 at 10:00 am

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Dave Anderson at

andersondw90@gmail.com

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Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, JULY 11

5^{PM} – 7:30^{PM}
Registration
Ballyhoos
2865 Lynnhaven Dr., Virginia Beach

7:30^{PM}
Captains' Meeting
Ballyhoos
2865 Lynnhaven Dr., Virginia Beach

FRIDAY, JULY 12

6^{AM} Lines In

10^{AM} – 4^{PM}
Scales open
Long Bay Pointe Marina (Virginia Beach)
Salt Ponds (Hampton)

SATURDAY, JULY 13

6^{AM} Lines In

10^{AM} – 4^{PM}
Scales open
Long Bay Pointe Marina (Virginia Beach)
Salt Ponds (Hampton)

6^{PM} – 10^{PM}
Dock Party & Awards
Ballyhoos
2865 Lynnhaven Dr. Virginia Beach

Subject to change

Available Prizes

(based on 2018 tournament)

- Largest Cobia \$12,500
- 2nd Place Largest Cobia \$7,000
- 3rd Place Largest Cobia \$3,000
- 4th Place Largest Cobia \$1,250
- 5th Place Largest Cobia \$1,000
- Heaviest Fish, excluding shark, stingray and cobia \$1,000
- "Lucky Dog Prize" for Cobia \$750
- Ladies Division \$250 in merchandise
- Youth Division \$250 in merchandise

*Final prizes determined by number of entrants and sponsors

The recreational cobia season opens this Saturday.

All anglers, captains, and guides fishing for cobia must obtain a Recreational Cobia Permit from the Commission and report all harvest and cobia fishing activity. (Easy to obtain on line - just did it. No cost.)

Permits can be obtained online (<https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/mpermits/index.php>) or at an MRC Licensing Agent.

Reporting can be done online through the Saltwater Journal or using forms provided by the VMRC.

Regulation 4 VAC 20-510-10 et seq.

Minimum Size Limit: 40 IN.

Possession Limit: 1 per person, 3 Per Vessel; whichever is more restrictive

Season: June 1 through Sept 30

Capture Citation: 55 Lbs

Release Citation: 50 IN.

State Record: 109 lbs, 2006, Joseph F. Berberich, II

Recreational cobia regulations are as follows: 40-inch, total length, minimum size limit; 1-fish daily possession limit or 3-fish-daily vessel limit, whichever is more restrictive; only one fish per vessel per day may be greater than 50 inches in total length; an open season of June 1 through September 30; and gaffing is now allowed to land a cobia while fishing recreationally. All anglers, captains, and guides fishing for cobia must obtain a Recreational Cobia Permit from the Commission and report all harvest and cobia fishing activity. Permits can be obtained online here or at an MRC Licensing Agent. Reporting can be done online through the Saltwater Journal or using forms provided by the VMRC.

Good luck fishing.

Bob Stuhlman

Corresponding Secretary

A series of upcoming community meetings is taking a close look at how Virginia Beach is going to address flooding and sea level rise. **And your voice is needed.** With investments as large as \$3.8 million, we need to ensure local water quality is protected when considering any future infrastructure.

Please consider attending one of these six meetings:

Date	Location	Address	Time
May 29	Virginia Aquarium	717 General Booth Blvd	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
May 30	Kempsville High School	5194 Chief Trail	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
June 1	Cox High School	2425 Shorehaven Dr	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
June 3	Kellam High School	2665 West Neck Rd	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
June 5	Princess Anne High School	4400 VA Beach Blvd	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
June 6	Creeds Elementary School	920 Princess Anne Rd	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Let me know if you can make it to any of the above meetings and speak out on behalf of clean water. You can contact me at tcouncil@cbf.org or 757-644-4113.

While most sources of pollution to the Bay are declining, urban and suburban polluted runoff is a significant source of pollution that continues to grow in the Chesapeake watershed. And with climate change continuing to deliver more frequent and intense storms, we must adapt as heavy rains wash more pollutants from the land into our waterways.

To address this onslaught of polluted runoff, we should turn to natural and nature-based solutions and policy. These provide co-benefits of water quality and habitat protection. As Virginia Beach considers future infrastructure, impacts on water quality must be at the forefront.

Please let me know if you can attend one of the six meetings and speak up for clean water. I can provide you with talking points and prompting questions to ask city staff. You can contact me at tcouncil@cbf.org or 757-644-4113.

For the Bay,

Tanner Council
Hampton Roads Grassroots Manager
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

2018 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Boat Show:	Chair – Russell Willoughby
Calendar:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair – Ronnie Nixon
Crab Creek Clean-Up:	Chair – Ronnie Nixon
Great Bridge Flea Market:	Chair – Preston Mangum
VBAC Flea Market:	Chair – Bob Burstein
Banquet/Oyster Roast:	Chair – Jerry Mariano
Seton Youth:	Chair – Dave Anderson
Raffles:	Chair – Preston Mangum
Audit Committee:	Chair – Mike Anderson
Surf Tournaments:	Chair – John Germanos
Club Tournaments:	Chair – George Gabriel Co. Chair – Bob Burstein
	Chair – Gary Doerhoff Co. Chair – Bryan Watson
Pier Tournaments:	
Prize Fish:	Chair – Kelly Hoggard
Nomination Committee:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair Kelly Hoggard Co. Chair Beth Synoweic
Conservation and Regulations:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair – Kelly Hoggard
T-Shirt Committee:	Chair – Patty Searby

**If You Would Like to Help on a Committee,
Please Speak to the Chair. Help is Appreciated!**

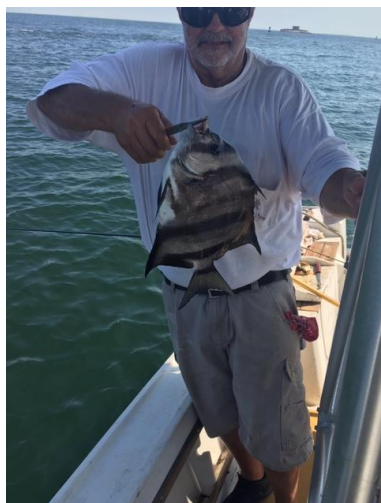
Saltwater Fishing News

Salt Water Largest Fish 2019

Species	Angler	Size	Weight
Amberjack	Chris Schneider	39'	26#
Black Drum	Preston Mangum	38"	
Blackfin Tuna	Chris Schneider		25#
Bluefish	John Germanos		3.15#
Flounder	Russell Willoughby		2.62#
Puppy Drum	Dave Smith	27 1/4"	
Spadefish	Russell Willoughby		4.87#
Speckled Trout	Dave Smith		3# 12oz

Submitted by Jerry Hughes

May 30, Bay Bridge Tunnel with Russel fishing for spades. Russell got one weighing 4.87 pounds and a 4.47-pound fish for me!



Saltwater Fishing News Continued

Submitted by Kelly Hoggard;

Went fishing with Brian Tsai on Robert and Mary's boat on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend. It was a little choppy from the north but the forecast was for calmer weather in the evening so we made a go for the 4th island.

Since the fishing is a little ahead of schedule, we anchored up at the 4th to see if any triggers, sheep's, or spades were biting. There was little action except for the sea bass so we didn't fish there for very long. While we were anchored, we saw a Spanish pulled in by a boat trolling back and forth. We put on our trolling spoons and planners and caught a couple of decent blues near the spine. Then worked towards the high rise. There were a number of occasions that the spoons were hit but didn't produce a bite. Everything looked good and the hooks were sharp which made us curious as to why the fish weren't getting the hook.

At about 5:30, we set up on the nautilus shoal. The current was strong but the sea state was nice which made for a beautiful evening and sunset. While setting clams, they weren't lasting long on the bottom so we put down a couple of rigs to tempt whatever was stealing the clams. We found a few sizable Roundhead along with some big rays and sharks lingering. The two rays that were kept made good filets. We drowned the same half dozen live crabs for four hours without a run. At least we know it wasn't the bait. We saw a pair of fish caught by boats anchored nearby so I know there's a few still on the shoals.

At 9:30, we wrapped up our fishing adventure and ran home deep into Lynnhaven at low tide. It would certainly have been easier with a strong flashlight. Lesson learned. I had another great adventure with Mary and Robert and looking forward to teaching them some more fishing techniques this summer.



Saltwater Fishing News Continued

Offshore Black Sea Bass Trip 5/27/2019 By Kelly Hoggard

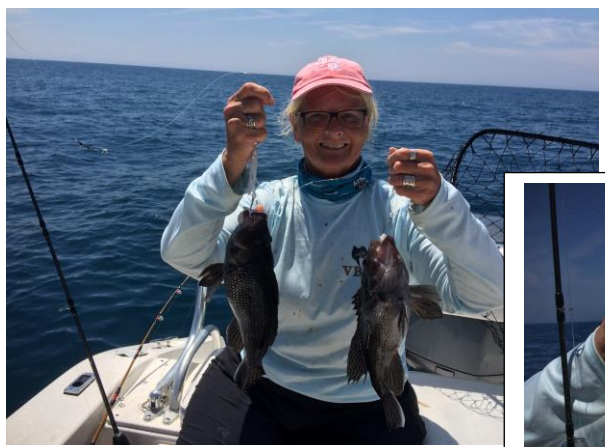
I went fishing with Patty Searby and David Anderson on Mark Wallace's boat on Memorial Day 5/27. I saw the good offshore forecast for Monday on the Saturday before and decided to go for the blue water. We checked all the equipment, filled the tank with gas, and off we went at 5:30 am. By 7:30, we were sitting at the triangle reef on the Lillian Luckenbach. There were plenty of fish marks, and quickly dropped a couple of baits. On the first drop, both lines caught fish, one was a bluefish by David but the sea bass were under the 12.5" minimums. After about an hour, we were tired of throwbacks and decided to move a little deeper.

A while later, we hit the blue line tile grounds and made a drop. After about an hour, our rigs went without a bite. The current and wind were moving opposite, which made 16-20oz required to meet bottom with a little help from the engine. I moved us south near the 44 fathom wreck and played around there a while. There were a few marks, but after drifting another 30 minutes in the area, we struck out. Another 40 minutes passed and we had moved 15 Nautical Miles north to the north side of the canyon. Again, no marks and no bites on the drift. We decided to pack it up, and start our way back home.

A few drops at the Ocean Venture yielded a few sea bass. After our second drift, we got a visit from a sunfish. As we turned the boat to watch him, it was as if we were in a watery dance together doing curious circles around each other. There were signs that another boater had been there before us as a freshly dead seabass was seen floating on the surface. We also stopped at the John Morgan on the way back yielding some more Black Sea Bass for the box. Nothing of great size and still a lot of throwbacks. Patty hooked a nice 13" pinfish that weighed in just 1 oz shy of the club record. After 3 of our 4 rigs were lost on the same drift at the Morgan, we decided that was a sign to head in. Mark is pictured at the dock with his largest "knothead" of the day that he caught at the Morgan. The fishing queen of the day was certainly Patty, as she caught nearly half of all our fish.

I managed to tag and release 8 fat sea bass that were all 11-12" with tag numbers TB417913-TB417920. Don't forget to bring a seaqualizer with you anytime you're fishing deep water wrecks to help compress the fish and release them at depth.

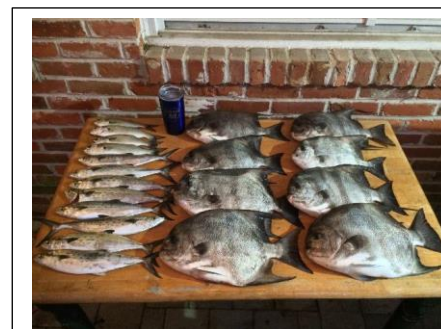
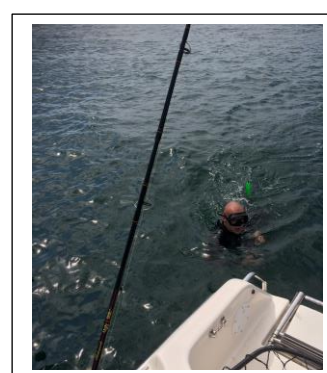
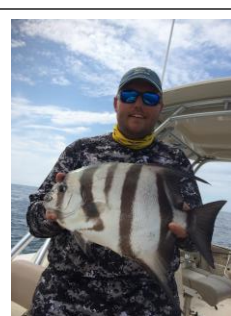
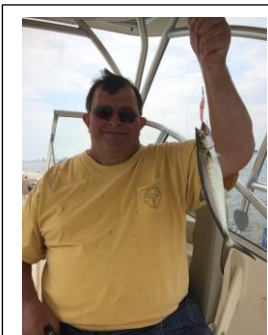
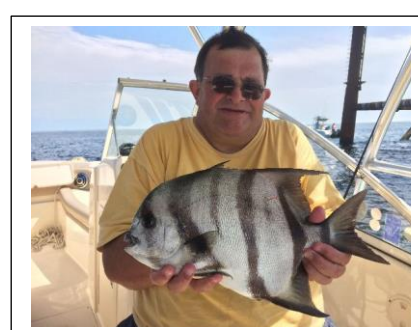
The ride was smooth nearly all day except for a bit of a cross swell on the way out in the morning. Mark certainly learned about the capabilities of his boat on this adventurous day. We are looking forward to going fishing again when the cobia season fires up next weekend.



Saltwater Fishing News Continued

Submitted by Kelly Hoggard

Went fishing on Friday 5/31 with Virginia Beach Anglers Club member Robert. It was an amazing day out along the ocean front. We trolled from Cape Henry down to the Cavalier and caught Spanish up to 17" on Billy's "Bowed Up Lures" spoons. The rain made it a little tough to work the dark water, but the pink and white was really productive in all conditions. We worked our way out to the light tower in the slick calm conditions. I got hooked up on the first cast for spadefish with the largest fish just shy of 6 pounds. I spent a little time chatting with nearby boats and divers and got lucky when one of the divers offered to retrieve my lost cork after one of many broken lines. After catching our limit, we caught a few more looking for that elusive monster but weren't able to find them. Those extra 3-5 pounders were tagged and released for another day. The last spadefish we caught was gill hooked, so I pulled one of our larger fish to share with a nearby Sea Tow member I recognized. We also caught a flounder and a few sea bass at the tower reef, but they were all shorts and were tagged and released for another fisherman's bounty. Today's tags: TB417921 - TB417930. Lots of fresh fish for the dinner table.



Saltwater Fishing News Continued

Submitted by Kenny Stancil

Went over to the eastern shore with my kayak May 9th got to my buddy's place island after sun down targeting reds and blacks. The wind was blowing that night not much fishing. Woke up around 5 ready to fish. I've had some tackle issues on the island before so I rigged up with 75 pound braid, I was ready. First cast took about 30 seconds till I got slammed drag pulling, reel screaming fun. It took a lot of line but I wasn't worried because I had plenty, or I thought I had plenty. He stopped and I gave him a tug, he said no sir and proceeded to take every bit of line of my reel. I wasn't happy. I saw that fish breach a couple of times and now I had no line. Went into the house and found some 15 pound test and rigged up again not that confident to say the least. Went back down to fish and immediately was rewarded with three nice blacks, didn't have a cooler so I let them swim away, then the reds came back. I got three reds to the bank and released all of them that morning. Tide was almost so I chilled till that evening my buddy got there and we went to fishing again we landed 17 reds that weekend and we didn't count the blacks, or we don't remember may have been some whiskey on the island. This was my first black ever!



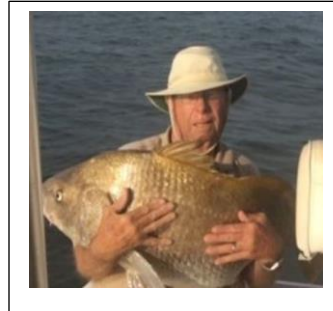
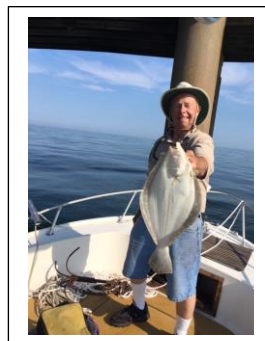
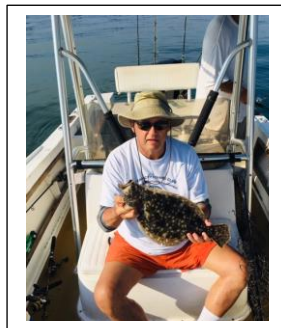
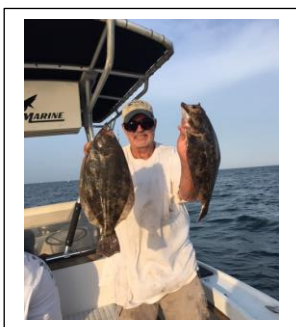
Saltwater Fishing News Continued

Fishing for Flounder and Other Victims

Submitted by Preston Mangum

Went out on the bay this past Sunday May 26 with captain Russell and Bob Stuhlman. Was very crowded at the Lynnhaven ramp with us getting underway about 12:30. Tried for spades at the Bay Bridge islands for a while and then went onto try our luck with flounder. Captain Russel put us right in the middle of some really pretty flounder with 5 keepers and several “throw backs”. About 5:30 we went on over to anchor up near the North Channel and try our luck for red drum. Ended up catching a 38” drum. I found out they go any way they want and you just can’t stop them! Had a great trip and my faith in Russel was confirmed!

P.S. Had flounder with lemon-butter sauce on Monday night. Delicious!



Our resident flounder cleaner and preparer – Bob Stuhlman was kind enough to provide some pictures of flounder and preparation for those that might not be familiar with the process, see below.



Now flip
over and
repeat



Continue
until all are
cleaned!



Saltwater Fishing News Continued

Trending posts from TidalFish.com!

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Chef's Corner: Shrimp Imperial-Stuffed Spanish Mackerel and Bluefish Fillets

JUNE 2019

When the Bite Heats up this Spring, try this Variation of the Classic Dish that put our Family Restaurant on the Map in 1976!

One of my favorite ways to enjoy a nice thick fillet is broiled with an Imperial Stuffing made from one or more of the following: Fresh-picked Blue Crab; Fresh NC Shrimp; or Fresh-shucked Oysters, Clams, & Scallops.

Pictured below is a meal I concocted at our Salvo cottage: Fresh Garden-ripe Tomato Salad, Hand-cut Fried Potatoes; and an absolutely amazing 14-ounce Shrimp-Stuffed Spanish Mackerel Fillet, which is this month's featured dish!



Shrimp-Stuffed Spanish Mackerel with all the trimmings – this is by far my favorite recipe for broiling fresh fish!

With the price of fresh, quality crabmeat skyrocketing, this recipe focuses on utilizing something most OBX surf anglers have left in their cooler after a day or two of fishing – fresh “bait” shrimp!

I like to use FRESH bait when I fish – as in fresh enough for me to eat! Bait shrimp is food shrimp portioned-out for anglers, but it is no different than the “good stuff” you find in the local seafood shop or roadside stand.

On this particular angling excursion, I left the fresh bait on ice in the cooler and opted for my “metal rod” and favorite Stingsilver to cast – and catch – a nice mess of Spanish Mackerel and Bluefish.

A successful catch of both meant that my “bait shrimp” was now on the menu!



Classic May Catch throwing metal in the OBX Surf!



Fresh, well-iced Spanish & Bluefish Fillets!



Shrimp-stuffed Bluefish Rocks!

Below are the ingredients and basic process for preparing the Fish for the broiler and mixing the Imperial stuffing. The two Bluefish yielded four really nice “*Stuffable*” fillets that I broiled with the leftover Shrimp Imperial from this recipe.

I like to cook extra like that because it heats up so well for a quick lunch or breakfast, and it’s also excellent eaten cold right out of the fridge for a late-night snack. It really is that good, and I hope you get a chance to try it this summer!

Ingredients:

While the ingredients can vary, and I often tweak the recipe with whatever ingredients I have on hand, this basic recipe is very simple and easy to replicate time and again with great results.

Preparing the Fish:

1-2 pounds fresh Bluefish or Spanish Mackerel fillets (8-10 oz each, but smaller will work – just get more of them!)

¼ cup melted butter or olive oil to baste fillets

Seasoning of choice for the flesh of the fish (i.e. salt, pepper, oregano, garlic, and paprika – or simply use Old Bay, Lemon Pepper, or Cajun Shake)

½ Lemon (for squeezing over fish and deglazing the pan)

Dash of Dry Sherry (optional)

NOTE: This recipe works fine with virtually any FRESH fillets, including Kingfish, Flounder, Mahi, and Sea Trout.

Shrimp Imperial:

¾-pound fresh NC shrimp, cooked (up to a pound works!)

2 eggs

½-cup extra heavy mayonnaise (more if regular mayo)

1 tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce

2 teaspoons Tabasco (to taste, really – I like a kick)

1 tablespoon parsley flakes (can use fresh parsley, also)

1 tablespoon plain breadcrumbs

1 tablespoon finely diced onion (optional)

2 tablespoons of finely shredded cheddar (sharp or mild) – more if you like it cheesy!

1 teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning or Cajun Shake



A tasty batch of Shrimp Imperial.



Spanish Fillets Ready to Stuff!



Beautiful 14-inch Spanish Fillet!



Buttered-up & Ready to Broil...



Basted, Seasoned, & ready to Bake!



Shrimp-stuffed Bluefish Rocks!!

Directions:

Shrimp Imperial:

Gently steam the shrimp and immediately shock in ice to shill. Once chilled, peel and drain the shrimp.

Once shrimp are cold, pat dry on paper towel and chop the shrimp and add to a large mixing bowl.

Combine shrimp, eggs, and all other ingredients in bowl and mix by hand until well-combined.

The mixture should have a creamy texture with no visible liquid or juices.

Return to the fridge and let the Shrimp Imperial “set.”

Stuffing the Fillets:

Make two slits longitudinally into the middle of the fillet on either side of the centerline.

Be careful not to cut straight down and through – the cut should create a nice long pouch from top to bottom in which the stuffing is placed.

Baste each stuffed fillet with oil and broil on the high rack on high until the Imperial begins to brown. Remove from the broiler, baste each fillet, and season the fish with your choice of seasonings. Lightly dust the entire fillet with paprika and return to the oven on a lower rack and bake (or leave broiler on) until the imperial is just firm to the touch.

When done, remove from oven, kill the sizzle with a dash of dry sherry, and squeeze fresh lemon juice around the fish to deglaze the pan and create a wonderful sauce. I like using a little dry sherry as I deglaze the pan, but it is entirely optional.

Drizzle the lemon-butter sauce from the pan over the fillets and serve!



Mixed Bag: Flounder, Bluefish, & Kingfish Fillets!



Testimonial to the versatility of this great recipe!



Trying not to drool while the Shrimp-stuffed fillets Brown.



Shrimp-Stuffed Flounder, Bluefish, & Kingfish Fillets!

As this last sequence of photos portrays, this recipe is extremely versatile and can be applied to virtually and fresh catch. Is it any wonder why visitors to Chez Germanos in OBX request this dish every year!

ENJOY!

Contributed by: VBAC Member John Germanos, aka "The Instinctive Chef"

Surf Fishing News

2019 Little Island Spring Open Surf Series Qualifying Event Summary

18 May 2019

Session Winner: Bob Schuster, 2 Fish for 36 Points

Largest Fish: Bob Schuster, 19-inch Bluefish

Most Fish Caught: Doug Wehner, 6 Fish

Results Summary: 13 anglers competed in the first VBAC Surf Series Qualifying Event for 2019. 15 total fish were caught scoring 67 total points.

Judges were John Germanos, Robbie Parks, and Will Buker.

The final standings were as follows:

Angler Name	Fish Scored	Largest Fish	Total Points
Bob Schuster	2	19 inches	36
Wesley Waters	2	12 inches	13
Brian Watkins	1	8 inches	8
Doug Wehner	6	1 inch*	6
Patty Searby	3	1 inch*	3
Stan Sutliff	1	1 inch*	1
John Gabriel	0	n/a	0
Rob Stommel	0	n/a	0
Kelly Cormican	0	n/a	0
Matt Sharpe	0	n/a	0
Herb Wise	0	n/a	0
Mark Wallace	0	n/a	0
Jerry Hughes	0	n/a	0

* *Trash Fish such as Stingrays and Striped Burrfish (aka "Spiny Puffers") were awarded 1-inch and 1 point regardless of size.*

36th Annual Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament

VBAC Surf Fishing Teams Post Another Strong Performance at OISFT, Ocracoke, NC.

Special Thanks go out to the Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament (OISFT) Committee and all 2019 OISFT Volunteers for their hospitality and for hosting another great tournament at picturesque Ocracoke Island!

This year's competition was held on Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd. The tournament field included 71 of the most competitive teams from up and down the East Coast.

VBAC entered two teams consisting of six anglers each.

Team 2 recorded 60 points, which earned a solid 14th-place overall finish and a very strong position in the Top Fifth.

Team 1 recorded 35 points for a very respectable 22nd-place finish and firm position in the Top Third.

John Germanos was the top scorer with 10 fish for 26 points.

Bill Frunzi recorded the largest fish with a 16-inch bluefish that scored a juicy six points.

Most importantly, all 12 VBAC anglers recorded points in this event, which is an excellent Club-level accomplishment. In fact, there were entire *TEAMS* that recorded zero points and which caught no fish meeting the 11-inch minimum!

Success required hard work, perseverance, and a willingness to get "chin-deep" to reach the fish beyond the sandbar!

Thanks to all VBAC anglers for putting in a fantastic two days of work and representing the Club so well!

Team 1 Results:

Pops Wehner captained Team 1 to a steady overall fishing experience as all anglers caught fish meeting the 11-inch minimum required to score.

Team 1 Anglers included:

- Doug "Pops" Wehner (CPT)
- Butch "Top Dog" Eason
- Russell "Bad Ray Day" Willoughby
- Kelly "Mullet Man" Hoggard
- Brian "The Beard" Watkins
- Mark "The Rook" Wallace

This event was Mark Wallace's first surf fishing tournament, and by all accounts, he fished hard, scored 4 fish for 5 points, and represented VBAC well!

Great Job Mark!

Team 1 Scoring Summary:

All six Team 1 anglers recorded scorable fish. Butch Eason was Team 1's high-scorer with a nice four-fish, 12-point performance!



Living on the Left Side of the Leaderboard!



Kelly's 20" Bluefish!

The squad's 35-point total put Team 1 in 22nd-Place on the leaderboard.

Here are the Team 1 scoring results by session.

Session 1 Results (0800-1100):

- Doug Wehner 1 fish for 2 points
- Kelly Hoggard 2 fish for 2 points
- Mark Wallace 1 fish for 1 point

Session 2 Results (1330-1600):

- No fish meeting 11-inch minimum caught.

Session 3 Results (0800-1100):

- Doug Wehner 2 fish for 2 points
- Butch Eason 3 fish for 11 points
- Kelly Hoggard 2 fish for 4 points
- Russell Willoughby 1 fish for 2 points
- Mark Wallace 3 fish for 4 points
- Bryan Watkins 1 fish for 1 point

Session 4 Results (1330-1600):

- Doug Wehner 2 fish for 2 points
- Butch Eason 1 fish for 4 points
- Kelly Hoggard 1 fish for 3 points

Top 3 Overall Team 1 Scorers:

- Butch Eason: 4 fish and 12 points
- Kelly Hoggard: 5 fish and 9 points
- Doug Wehner: 5 fish and 6 points

These three folks have earned an automatic bid to return for next year's event!

Congratulations and Well Done!



Russell Willoughby Baiting-up on the Ocracoke Surf!



"The Beard" In Action!!



Nice Sheepshead Butch!



The "Mullet Man" & Mark Wallace Getting' it Done!



Hablas Español Señor?



Butch Getting The Blues!

Team 2 Anglers:

Carl McCoy Captained Team 2 to a solid 14th place finish and literally one fish shy of the Top Ten. As always, I learned a lot of great tricks from my VBAC brothers and sister! There really is no better way to improve surf fishing knowledge than fishing with a great group of folks willing to share their insights and experiences.

Team 2 Anglers included:

- Carl "The Reel" McCoy
- John "Chin-Deep" Germanos
- Patty "The Ringer" Searby
- Jerry "Doink" Hughes
- Bill "The Colonel" Frunzi
- Jay "Jitterbug" Graber



Patty and Bill Ready to Rock the P.M. Session!

This was the first surf fishing tournament for Bill Frunzi and Jay Graber. Both scored points, and Bill recorded VBAC's largest fish – a hard-fighting 16-inch, 6-Point Bluefish - while earning a position on the 2020 Team with a solid 3-fish, 11-point performance. ***Great Job Bill!***

Team 2 Scoring Summary:

All six Team 2 anglers recorded scorable fish. John Germanos was Team 2's high-scorer with a Club high 10-fish, 26-point performance!

The squad's 60-point total put Team 2 in 14th Place on the leaderboard.

Here are the Team 2 scoring results by session.

Session 1 Results (0800-1100):

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| • John Germanos | 3 fish for 7 points |
| • Patty Searby | 2 fish for 2 points |
| • Carl McCoy | 1 fish for 2 points |



"The Reel McCoy!"



Nice Bluefish Carl!

Session 2 Results (1330-1600):

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| • John Germanos | 4 fish for 9 points |
| • Jerry Hughes | 1 fish for 4 points |

Session 3 Results (0800-1100):

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| • Bill Frunzi | 2 fish for 5 points |
| • Jerry Hughes | 1 fish for 2 points |

Session 4 Results (1330-1600):

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| • John Germanos | 3 fish for 10 points |
| • Patty Searby | 3 fish for 11 points |
| • Bill Frunzi | 1 fish for 6 points |
| • Jay Graber | 1 fish for 2 points |

Overall, 22 scorable fish were landed; we scored in all four sessions; and every teammate tallied points!



John's 41" Spiny Dogfish!



Patty's Sea Turtle!!

Top 3 Overall Team 2 Scorers:

- John Germanos: 10 fish and 26 points
- Patty Searby: 5 fish and 13 points
- Bill Frunzi: 3 fish and 11 points

These three folks have earned an automatic bid to return for next year's event!

Congratulations and Well Done!

Food, Fellowship...and FUN!

Once again, the Food, Fun, and Fellowship stand out as much or more than the great Fishing experience, and this event was no different!

Pictured at right is Brian "The Beard" Watkins, who on last minute-notice, dropped everything to fill-in for Jerry Mariano to support the Club and ultimately post key points for Team 1. Seriously, who could fear that beard? 😊

Thanks, Brian, for epitomizing yet again what it's like to part of something bigger, which is why he was our 2018 VBAC Member of the Year!

Thanks also to Mark Wallace, Bill Frunzi, and Jay Graber who had the courage to jump into the fire and fish their first ever surf tournament. Each was a key contributor, scoring points for their respective Teams. Great Work Under Fire!

And of course, there's the food. It simply can't be a VBAC event without great eats!

Two featured items were crafted from leftover FRESH bait. Jay produced lime-butter broiled shrimp, and John created an improvised version of his Clams Oreganata recipe with fresh-shucked clams from Jay's bait box. Both dishes were excellent and epitomize the adage "Don't fish with anything you wouldn't wanna eat yourself!"

Spaghetti, homemade turkey pot pie soup-n-biscuits, Blackfin Tuna casserole, and a variety of hot-cooked breakfast fare abounded at both Team Houses.

Once again, we lived up to our reputation as "An eating Club with a fishing problem!"



Team 2's Chin-Deep, Doink, & The Reel!



Don't Fear "The Beard!"



Butter-Lime "Bait Shrimp" a la Jay!



Turkey Pot Pie Soup-n-Biscuits!



Now That's How Ya' Eat It!



Breakfast of Champions!



Roasted "Bait Clams"!



Shucked and Cooked in the Shell!



John Getting "Chin-Deep In The Water Somewhere" for that 15-3/4-inch Bluefish and 5 Points for Team 2!



Team 1 Anglers in Action on the Ocracoke Surf!



Mark and Kelly Tying Rigs and Gearing-up for a Productive Day of Catching in the Ocracoke Surf!

Can't wait til next year for more VBAC-style Food, Fun, Fellowship and Fishing!

Contributed by: VBAC Angler John Germanos, Team 2, OISFT 2019

2019 Little Island Spring Open Results Are In!

VBAC Surf Anglers and Guests enjoyed a great day of surf fishing, angler development, food, and fellowship in the first of five Intraclub Surf Fishing Qualifying Events.

Special Thanks go out to all of the anglers that came out to participate in this opening event in the 2019 VBAC Surf Series Qualifiers – without you, these Club activities are not possible!

Thanks also to my fellow Tournament Volunteers – Judges Robbie Parks and Will Buker, and our Lunch Coordinator, Frances Germanos, for the excellent fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings!

In addition, VBAC anglers Robbie Parks and Doug Wehner provided a great hands-on Surf Casting Clinic” on the beach as part of the Surf Fishing Committee’s Angler Development series – Great Job Guys!

SUMMARY

This 1st of 5 qualifying events was held on Saturday, 18 May 2019 and included 13 anglers.

Overall, 15 fish were recorded with 67 total points tallied by the field. Six different anglers recorded scoreable fish, and several caught fish just under the minimum scoreable size limits.

Bob Schuster was the Session Winner with 2 fish for 36 points.

“Schu-Daddy” put the smackdown on two very nice Bluefish to jump out to an early lead in the five-event surf series point standings.

Bob will seek to build upon his lead during the Salvo Spring Open on Saturday, 15 June 2019 in Cape Hatteras, NC.

Great Job Bob, and a Hearty Congratulations!

Wesley Waters pulled a fine 12-inch Kingfish out of the surf with less than five minutes remaining in the session to move past Brian Watkins for a second-place finish while earning a VBAC Prize Fish Release entry. That’s why it’s always wise to fish until the final whistle blows!

Well done Wes!

Brian Watkins, Doug Wehner, and Patty Searby rounded-out the Top Five with Stan Sutliff only two points off the pace.

Here are the current event and overall Surf Series Standings:

	ANGLER NAME	L.I. Spring		Salvo Spring		OV Pier		Salvo Fall		LI Fall		TOTALS	
		Fish	Pts.	Fish	Pts.	Fish	Pts.	Fish	Pts.	Fish	Pts.	Fish	Points
1	Bob Schuster	2	36									2	36
2	Wesley Waters	2	13									2	13
3	Brian Watkins	1	8									1	8
4	Doug Wehner	6	6									6	6
5	Patty Searby	3	3									3	3
6	Stan Sutliff	1	1									1	1



Session Winner Bob Schuster accepting his Award Certificate & Prize – Great Job Bob!!

7	Mark Wallace	0	0										
8	Jerry Hughes	0	0										
9	John Gabriel	0	0										
10	Kelly Cormican	0	0										
11	Matt Sharpe	0	0										
12	Herb Wise	0	0										
13	Rob Stommel	0	0										

NOTE: The point standings are updated after each event. The Top Ten aggregate point totals across all competitions qualify for a 2020 Surf Fishing Team position!

The remaining schedule of Surf Series Qualifying Events is as follows:

Event Details	Salvo Spring Open	Ocean View Pier	Salvo Fall Open	Little Island Fall
Date	Saturday, 15 Jun 2019	Saturday, 20 Jul 2019	Saturday, 24 Aug 2019	Saturday, 14 Sep 2019
Location	Hatteras Island, NC	Ocean View, Norfolk	Hatteras Island, NC	Sandbridge, VaBch
Time	0700-1100; 1400-1800	0700-1100	0700-1100; 1400-1800	0700-1100

Note that the two Salvo events are Majors and include two sessions each; a “Grab-n-Go” lunch; and an awards dinner at the Tournament Headquarters.

You may register for these events at the General Membership Meetings or by contacting John Germanos at:

Email: jgermanos@germanosdefense.com

Phone: 757-285-1909



VBAC Anglers In Action - View from the Judges' Tent at Mid-Station.

Food, Fellowship...and FUN!

Once again, the Food, Fun, and Fellowship stand out as much or more than the great Fishing experience, and this event was no different!

While John Gabriel and Brian Watkins fought it out for the largest “Trash” fish caught, Doug Wehner managed to catch 5 Southern Stingrays and a Striped Burrfish to capture 6 points and the undisputed “Trash Fish” award!

Pictured below are some of the day’s catches – some edible, some not! Note that all “trash” was kept and disposed of while all *trash fish* were released alive immediately after being scored! In any case, John, Brian, and Doug certainly have a lot of “Trash Talking” to do!



Gabe's Trophy "Trash" fish catch!



Brian's "Trash" fish catch!



Brian's "Trash" fish on the Fish Stik!



One of Doug's 6 scoreable Trash Fish!



Striped Burrfish – aka Spiny Puffer!



One of Patty's 3 Scoreable Stingrays!



Schu-Daddy's 19", 19-point Bluefish!



Brian's 8", 8-point Puffer Fish!



John's 20-inch Pre-event Bluefish.

Several pictures of our event participants are included in this sequence – some candid, some staged, and some typical VBAC goofballs enjoying a perfect beach day at Little Island Park in Virginia Beach, VA!



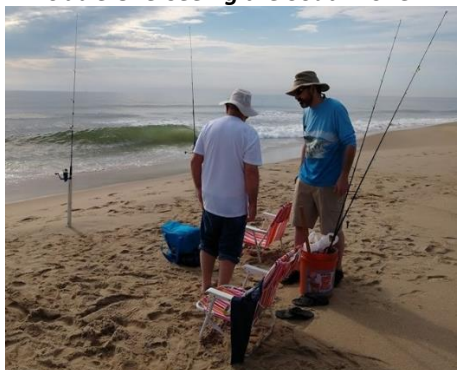
Robbie Overseeing the South Zone.



View from the North Zone.



Classic Beach Buggy Set-up!



Kelly & Herb Talkin' Strategy!



Mark Imagining-Up a Bite!



Brian's Beach Rig In Action!



John "Gabe" Gabriel waitin' on a bite!



Stan "The Man" – Welcome back!



The Doinkster!

POST EVENT LUNCH AND AWARDS

Immediately following the fishing session, Robbie Parks led a surf casting demonstration with an assist from Doug Wehner, and John and Frances Germanos prepared the picnic shelter for the post-event lunch and awards ceremony.

Lunch consisted of fresh, hot Fried Chicken; Deli Potato Salad; Home-made Cole Slaw; Dinner Rolls; Chocolate Chip Cookies; Bottled Water; and assorted Soft Drinks.

Needless to say, no one left hungry!



John opening a surprise B'day gift!



Gabe edges-out Brian's Trash Catch!



Congrats to Wes's 2nd place finish!



Patty, Robbie, and Brian...



Wes Taking In the Discussion!



Cigar Stan in Stan-land!



John & Son-In-Law Will Buker.



Frances Fixin' A Plate of Chicken!



Brian Givin' The B'day Boy A Bro-Hug!



Potato Salad & Homemade Slaw!



Fresh, Crispy Fried Chicken!



Chicken & Rolls!



Gabe going back for 2^{nds} & 3^{rds}!



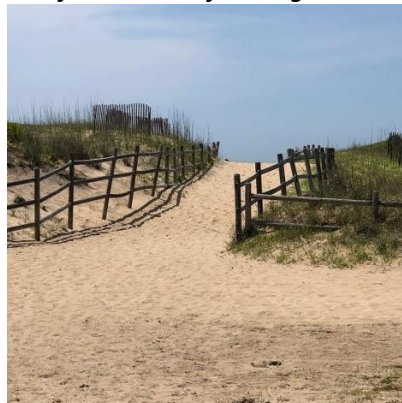
Rob thanking Robbie & Doug for an informative surf-casting Clinic!



Stan The Man, Doink, & Schu-daddy "guarding the food!"



Buggy Cart Ready to Rock!



One of Several Beach Access Points.



Sandbridge Surf Set-up.



Presentation of Awards following a nice lunch and a great day of fishing in Sandbridge!

Congratulations to all point scorers, and Good Luck in the Salvo Spring Open!

Contributed by: VBAC Angler John Germanos, Surf Fishing Committee Chairman

Ocracoke and Hatteras Islands are Producing Great Catches!

The spring bite has really turned on from Ocracoke to the Northern OBX Beaches!

Here's a firsthand report of fishing conditions across Hatteras Island for 16 April through 25 May 2019.

Fishing the OBX surf in the late spring is one of the best opportunities to catch some really nice fish! The larger, more powerful fish of virtually all species are able to migrate up the coast first, so this is truly the time of year to hunt citations!

Late April through mid-May saw the Sea Mullet, Puffer, Bluefish, and Red Drum bite turn on from Ocracoke to beaches as far north as Kitty Hawk.

As water temps rose, Pompano, Cobia, and Spanish Mackerel started showing up in really good numbers.

Here's a firsthand summary of what we saw:

APRIL 25th: VBAC angler John Germanos fished the Frisco beaches with excellent catches of large Sea Mullet, Bluefish, Grunts, Bluefish, Croakers, and Puffers!

APRIL 27th: VBAC anglers John Germanos and Bob Schuster took a break from fishing to "practice" for the VBAC Annual Oyster Roast and talk strategies for the 2019 Little Island Spring Open – which Bob won with a pair of nice Bluefish!

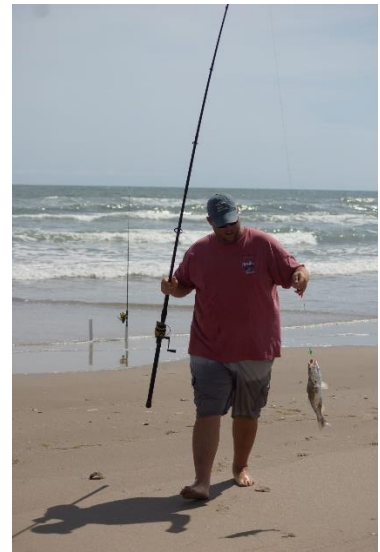
APRIL 28th: Red drum bite starting to turn on at Cape Point with several citations for the "Bombers." Most of the better fish required a long cast beyond the second bar (150 yards). Lots of sharks still hitting Fishfinder rigs with various cut bait offerings. Some really nice Sea Mullet south of the Point along with puffers and scattered blues.

APRIL 30th: VBAC angler John Germanos pre-fished Ramp 70 in Ocracoke in the afternoon. Several tournament rigs were tested with various combinations of baits and presentations. Once dialed-in, John put 8 quality Bluefish in the cooler ranging from 13 inches to 20 inches and two Sea Mullet over 14 inches made the grade. Hot baits included fresh cut mullet, shrimp, and bloodworms. All successful rigs were hand-tied and customized to prepare for the OISFT.

MAY 1st: VBAC angler John Germanos pre-fished the sunrise at Ramp 72 in Ocracoke with more success, putting another 7 quality 14+ inch bluefish in the cooler along with a 41-inch Spiny Dogfish. Back in Buxton, the first report of Cobia in the surf – fresh bunker was the hot bait.

MAY 2nd: Day 1 of the Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament (OISFT). Team 1 got off to a slow start, while Team 2 ended the day in 13th Place. Bluefish and Sea Mullet scored most of the points.

MAY 3rd: Day 2 of the OISFT. Team 1 put in a solid performance and climbed up to 22nd place while Team 2 remained consistent, finishing in 14th place overall and one fish outside the Top 6! Bluefish ruled the day with some scattered Sea Mullet.



Kelly's Sea Mullet in Ocracoke!



Author with a 15-oz Grunt Fish.



"Mid-catch" ready to be cleaned & put on ice.

MAY 4th: VBAC anglers Kelly Hoggard and Doug Wehner had one last hoorah in Ocracoke fishing Ramp 59, and Patty Searby and Carl McCoy did some catching of their own before heading north! Great catches of near-citation Sea Mullet and more quality Bluefish made for some great catching and a fitting end to a great week on the Island!

MAY 5th: VBAC anglers John Germanos and Kelly Hoggard tried their luck at Ramp 32 with Salvo neighbor Jeff. The trio put a few respectable fish in the cooler for dinner, including three nice Sea Mullet and keeper Grey Trout. Live sand fleas and EZ-Flea Fish Bites were the preferred baits, but the session was cut short to save the gear from the blowing sand!

MAY 6th: National Park Service closed Ramp 44 access to Cape Point due to observed nesting activity. VBAC angler John Germanos took another “0-fer” on the Salvo Beach with extremely strong rip currents that made 10-oz storm sinkers tumble down the beach at a pretty fast clip.

MAY 7th: VBAC angler John Germanos fished the northern beaches again with only slightly better results, putting three fish in the cooler, highlighted by another 18-inch Bluefish.

MAY 10th: Spanish Mackerel showed up at Ramp 43 with several folks catching their limit. More citation Sea Mullet were caught as well!

MAY 11th: VBAC Angler John Germanos participated in the Cape Hatteras Angler’s Club (CHAC) meeting in Buxton, NC. The guest speaker was World-class Surf-Casting Champion Tommy Farmer. Tommy provided an excellent tutorial and live demonstration of the power-casting technique that has earned him international acclaim in the U.S. and across Europe. VBAC connections were reinforced, and our exposure continues to grow within the CHAC and across OBX. Worthy of **Note:** CHAC finished 32nd in the 2019 Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament (OISFT) while our two VBAC Teams finished 14th and 22nd. VBAC will enter 2 Teams in the 2019 CHAC Tournament.

MAY 12th through MAY 23rd: My contacts in OBX reported a steady stream of citation Pompano, Sea Mullet, and Red Drum being caught from Salvo to Hatteras Village. Bluefish continued to make their presence known, and Spanish Mackerel began making a progressively stronger run as water temperatures continued to rise. Similarly, the Cobia bite in the surf really started picking up. I was back in VaBch for the Little Island Spring Open but will return to OBX ASAP!

Food, Fellowship...and FUN!

Needless to say, all of the fish that we keep is cleaned and iced on the beach to optimize freshness. Above and below are some pics of our catch and a sample of just a few of the meals already enjoyed by the grace of nature’s bounty!



Ramp 72 Delivers the Blues!



Fillets fit for a King (or hungry angler)!



41-inch Spiny Dogfish



Northern Kingfish – aka Roundhead, Sea Mullet, Whiting

Southern Kingfish – aka Roundhead, Sea Mullet, Whiting



Puffer full of seawater & lookin' tough!



Looking for that tickle spot....



Found It! Puffer giggling-up water!



15-oz Bluefish Fillets for Stuffing!



Another Nice Mess of Frisco Fish!



Ocracoke Fillets from Tune-up Sessions!



Fried Bluefish, Shrimp, & Fries!



Sea Trout & Kingfish Fillets & Roe.



Roasted Clams Oreganata a la Ocracoke!



Awwwww Shucks!



Plate of freshly shucked oysters for the oven!



Oysters Ready to Rock (efeller)!



VBAC's Jami Schuster in action!



Fresh shucked Oysters Rockefeller!



Oysters Rockefeller for all!



Puffer Tails & Mullet Roe Delicacies



Broiled Sea Mullet Fillets & Home Fries



Fresh Fried Sea Mullet & Snapper Blues

Following the Little Island Spring Open, I will return to fish the OBX Surf deep into May and June to prepare for the VBAC Salvo Spring Open, but this captures my account through 23 May and highlights some of the species common to NC's coastal waters during the late spring.

The big Red Drum started showing up in force, as did Cobia and Spanish Mackerel. Excellent catches of citation Sea Mullet and Pompano continue to make headlines, and a steady Bluefish bite continues to entertain all! Overall, the fishing in the OBX surf has been dynamite for the past six weeks!

Fish were caught in the wash, in narrow sloughs, on the sandbar ledges, and beyond the second bar depending on the weather conditions, rip, and water clarity. Some of the nicer fish seemed to be farther out, but many of the citation Pompano and Sea Mullet were caught within 40 yards of the waterline!

As I like to say, you can't catch fish by sitting on the couch – get a line in the water and have some fun!

The preferred baits were fresh cut mullet; shrimp; bloodworms; squid strips; and sand fleas. Cobia seemed to really like fresh cut bunker presented on a Fishfinder rig. Red and White tournament rigs were very productive, as were Fireball Rigs, and various custom-tied Hi-Lo Rigs.

Spanish Mackerel and Bluefish were starting to hit various metal baits as more baitfish showed up in schools. Various colors and types caught fish, especially The Ghost Glass Minnow, copper Stingsilver, and several other Stingsilver and Glass Minnow color combinations.

Remember, when throwing metal, if you want to catch more Spanish and less Blues, retrieve FAST!

Tight Lines!

Contributed by: VBAC Angler John Germanos

Surf Fishing News Continued

Submitted by Kelly Hoggard

Sandbridge Surf Fishing 5/11/19:

Went surf fishing today with VBAC members Patty Searby, Bob Stuhlman, Rob Stommel, and Wesley Waters. It was a beautiful morning with some clouds but light winds and cool temperatures. The water is still cool, low 60s it felt like. The day started off pretty miserable with no cure for the seaweed at low tide. There was no fishable water but I kept throwing baits waiting for the bite. After the tide turned, the water cleared and the fish began to bite.

My patience paid off as I caught another personal best. It began with a strong bite followed by a battle to the beach. What swam up in one of the waves was a new personal best Striped Bass from the surf. It's only my second but much larger than the first (last May also). The striper measured out at 25". Mixed in was a croaker and 5 roundhead. The roundhead were good size and ranged up to 13". The bite had just turned on as I left but was happy to get in some quality fishing time.

Today's main goal was to pre-fish the upcoming VBAC members surf fishing tournament in sandbridge next Saturday (5/18). I got some good intel for anglers who plan to participate. Unfortunately, I am scheduled to be busy and will not attend. Lucky for those who fish of course. My 3.5 hour session would have tallied 90 points if a score was kept. It's a good number for anyone who is fishing next week to try and target. Good intel: the sand fleas have really been on fire this year.

The rigs I've been making have really been catching fish and each time I go out, I learn more about the rigs successes or failures. They are really starting to catch quality fish.

Looking forward to another day out in the surf and sand again soon.



Freshwater Fishing

Largest freshwater fish caught during 2019 in this category by species.

Species		Angler		Size		Weight
Blue Catfish		Russell Willoughby		44"		
Bluegill		Melanie Bayford		9"		
Bowfin		Jerry Hughes				8.25
Chain Pickerel		Jay Graber		21.75"		
Crappie		Steve Harding				2lb 10 oz.
Largemouth Bass		Jay Graber		15.5"		
Longnose Gar		Russell Willoughby		33"		
White Perch		Melanie Bayford		11.5"		
Yellow Perch		Jay Graber		8.5"		4 oz.

Freshwater Fishing Continued

Submitted by Melanie Bayford

I have been fishing freshwater locally this past month and had a little good luck. On April 30 made my first trip to Piscataway River with Alan. This is in Tappahannock, VA. Pretty river with lots of greenery. Caught long nose gars there. The Piankatank River gave up some bluegill and white perch. Beaverdam Park gave John and I several good days with Shellcracker up to 11 inches and 9 inch bluegill plus perch, bass, crappie and yellow perch. We had a snake incident on Beaverdam. We were in the middle of the main lake when we noticed a large snake making a beeline for the boat. John hit him with a paddle and he went away. A few minutes later he made another run at the boat, so he got severely whacked. Then we decided to move. Think it was a cottonmouth. Very aggressive.

Melanie

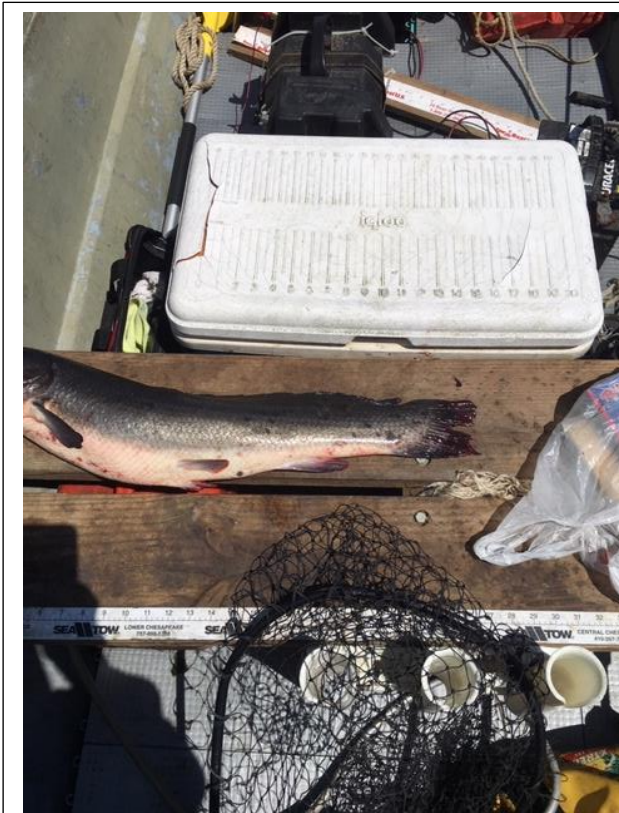


Freshwater Fishing Continued

Submitted by Jerry Hughes

Northwest River

Went looking for a Yellow Perch bigger than 4 oz. This came around. When I got back to the Pier at Bobs Fishing Hole, a fisherman fishing off the next pier asked me how I did. Told him I went out for Yellow Perch but caught a huge Bowfin, he pulled a large Yellow Perch out of his cooler. He had just caught it!



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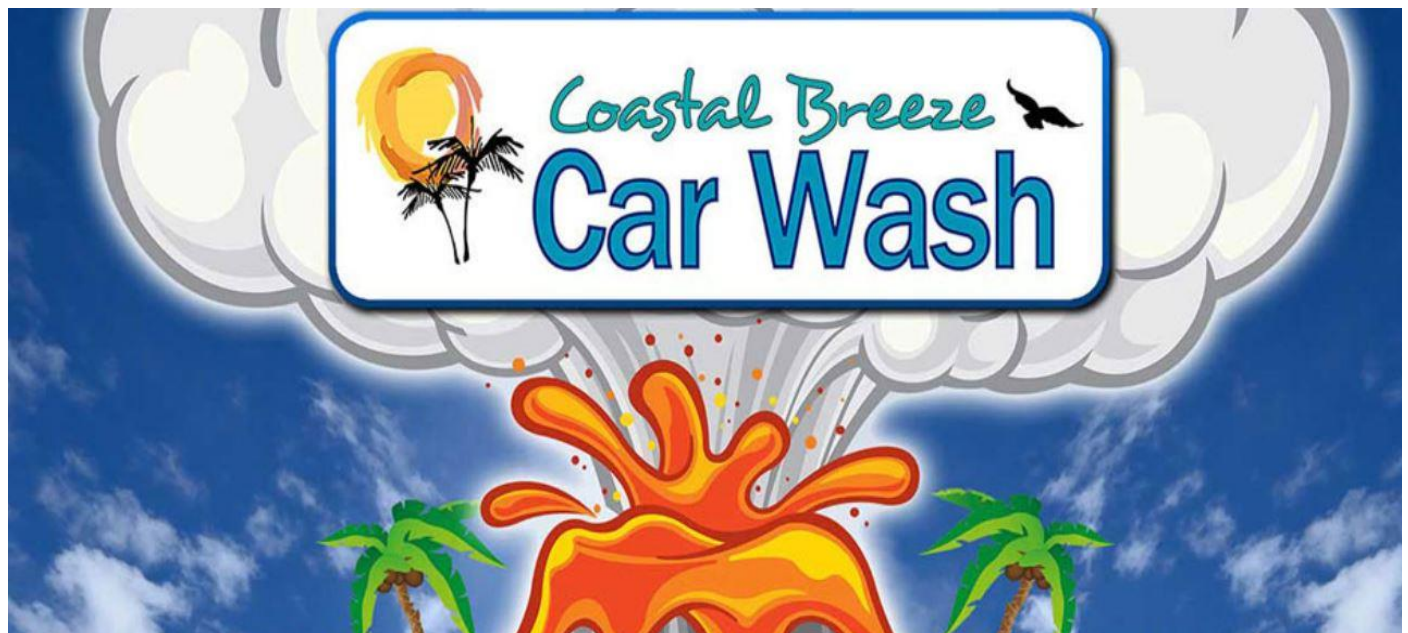
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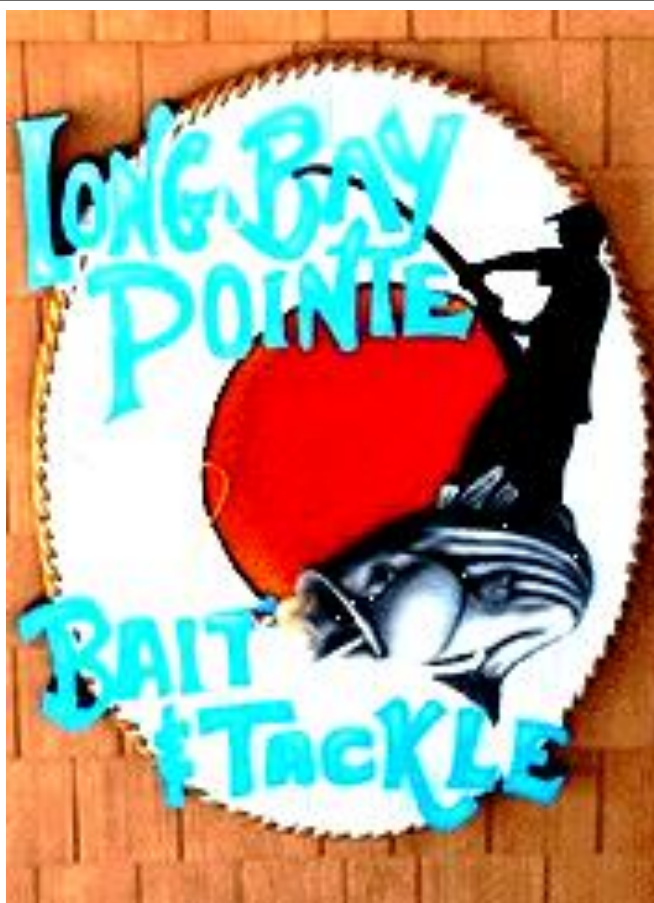
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